

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, January 12, 2021)**  
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**Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via WebEx)  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

**1. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of January 5, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**2. PRESENTATION**

**A. ST MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND** - State of the College

**Present:** President Tuajuanda C. Jordan, PhD  
Charles C. Jackson, Government Relations Liaison

An overview of St. Mary's College was presented.

**3. LEGISLATION**

**A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY** - Legislative Updates

**MOTION 1:** I move to request authority to issue \$30 million in public facilities bonds and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, O'Connor

**MOTION 2:** I move to approve the proposed legislation to give St. Mary's County bars and restaurants a one-year waiver from paying their liquor license fee as proposed by Delegate Morgan and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill based upon the research that has been done by Mr. Weiskopf, and brought back to us.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

#### **4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 2, 2021.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on January 19, 2021.

**B. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ACT Work Ready Community Designation**

I move to approve the ACT Work Ready Community designation initiative and have the Commissioner President sign the commitment letter and any other related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**C. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 2020 Broadband Progress Report and Plan of Action III**

I move to approve the Broadband Plan of Action III, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**D. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Broadband Executive Summary**

**Present:** Bob Kelly, CIO

Kevin Dellicker, President, Dellicker Strategies, LLC

Kelly Lewis, President, Lewis Strategic

Dellicker Strategies, LLC presented an analysis study of broadband in St. Mary's County. Recommendations were provided that could help continue the expansion and possibly attract new broadband providers to St. Mary's County.

**E. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Existing Broadband Network Application Package - Grant submission**

I move to approve the Existing Broadband Networks Application (formerly the Broadband Pilot Grant) Package for submission to the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

**F. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Newtowne Players Lease Addendum**

I move to approve the Newtowne Players Lease addendum for enhanced facility security and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: O'Connor

**G. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2021 Senior Care Notification of Grant Award**

I move to approve the Senior Care grant award, project #MD2103, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$126,106 and the related budget amendment that will increase both grant funding and Commissioners' Emergency Reserve, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: O'Connor

**H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FY21 St. Mary's Transit System - STS Grant Agreements**

I move to approve the FY2021 Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT/MTA) grant agreements for the St. Mary's Transit System (STS) Operating and Capital programs in the amount of \$2,914,441; authorize the DPW&T Director to submit the Grant Agreements electronically; approve the related budget amendments to realign Federal, State and Local funding, including \$69,926 Commissioner Reserve; and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioners Guy, O'Connor

#### **I. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - North County Farmers Market Budget Amendments**

I move to approve the budget amendment returning \$27,885 of funding from the Home Grown Farmers Market project to the FY21 Capital Reserve; the Budget Amendment returning \$9,630 of funding from the Charlotte Hall Farm Market Improvement project; the Budget Amendment transferring \$167,000 from the FY21 Capital Reserve to the North County Farmers Market project and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: O'Connor

#### **J. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Johnson Farm Pond Budget Amendment**

I move to approve the budget amendment for Project #HW-2006 Johnson Farm Pond for replacement/reconstruction of the dam and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

### **5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

### **6. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:18 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on January 26, 2021.

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JB  
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

## **7. PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via WebEx)  
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Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:32 p.m. and requested Dr. Bridgett to provide the format for the meeting.

### **MOTION TO POSTPONE PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMERCIAL WEDDING USE**

I move to cancel the public hearing scheduled for January 26th at 6 p.m. on the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for the Commercial Wedding Use, postpone the item indefinitely, and return to LUGM for further review.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

### **Public comments given by:**

Julie Randall, 19711 Teddy Way, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Howard Thompson, 24740 Sotterly Road, Hollywood, MD 20636  
Eugene Aragon, 38583 Birch Hanger Way, Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Ellynne Davis, 20832 Waterside Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Caroline King, 23561 Lilliflora Drive, California, MD 20619  
Irene Duffy, 22159 Hanover Woods Court, Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Marsha Greenburg, 47977 Memory Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Steve Tuttle, 23540 FDR Blvd, Apt. 304, California, MD 20619  
Diana Donahue, 37745 Asher Drive, Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Brandon Russell, 22291 Meadow Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

William Hall, 45579 Catalina Lane, California, MD 20619  
Maria Sokolowski, 41468 Culpepper Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Ted Warren, 17980 Bill Raley Road, St. Inigoes, MD 20684

Commissioner President Guy closed the public forum at 7:30 p.m.